THE RECOVERY KERNEL

Boundary Guide

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Purpose: This guide helps facilitators establish clear and respectful boundaries within Recovery Kernel environments. It explains how to discuss consent, capacity, scope, and responsibility in a way that avoids shaming individuals, exposing them unnecessarily, or creating an environment of uncontrolled emotional burden.

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| # | Section Header | Parser Key |
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| 1 | A boundary is a limit or edge that defines where something ends and something else begins. It can be physical, like a fence or wall, or it can be more abstract, like a rule or guideline. Boundaries help to define relationships, responsibilities, and expectations. They are important for maintaining healthy relationships and ensuring safety and well-being. | What a boundary is. |
| 2 | Why boundaries matter:<br><br>* Boundaries are essential for maintaining healthy relationships and a sense of self. They define where you end and another person begins, creating clarity and respect in interactions.<br>* Without clear boundaries, individuals may feel overwhelmed, taken advantage of, or resentful. This can lead to conflict, emotional distress, and damaged relationships.<br>* Setting boundaries helps protect your time, energy, and resources. It allows you to prioritize your needs and well-being without feeling guilty or obligated to constantly put others first.<br>* Boundaries promote self-respect and assertiveness. They communicate your values and expectations to others, fostering mutual understanding and respect.<br>* Healthy boundaries create a safe and supportive environment for personal growth and development. They allow you to explore your identity, pursue your goals, and build | Why boundaries matter. |
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	meaningful connections with others.	
3	What boundaries can cover: * Personal boundaries * Professional boundaries * Physical boundaries * Emotional boundaries * Intellectual boundaries * Sexual boundaries * Material boundaries * Time boundaries	What boundaries can cover?
4	Facilitator role	facilitator_role
5	* Feeling constantly stressed or overwhelmed. * Difficulty saying "no" to requests. * Taking on too much responsibility. * Experiencing physical symptoms like headaches, stomach problems, or fatigue. * Having trouble sleeping or concentrating. * Feeling resentful or angry towards others. * Withdrawing from social activities or relationships. * Neglecting your own needs and well-being. * Feeling guilty or selfish for setting boundaries. * Experiencing conflict with others due to boundary issues.	How to notice boundary pressure: * Feeling resentful or angry. * Feeling like you're always saying "yes" when you want to say "no." * Feeling overwhelmed or stressed. * Feeling like your needs are not being met. * Feeling like you're being taken advantage of. * Feeling like you're losing yourself in the relationship. * Feeling like you're walking on eggshells around the other person. * Feeling like you can't be yourself. * Feeling like you're not getting anything back from the relationship. * Feeling like you're being controlled or manipulated. If you're experiencing any of these feelings, it's important to talk to someone about them. A therapist or counselor can help you identify and address boundary issues in your relationships. You can also find resources online at findahelpline.com.
6	How to language it	How to Language It?
7	Room vs individual	room_vs_individual
8	Limits	limits
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	medications without talking to your doctor. * Do not drive or operate machinery until you know how this medication affects you. * Do not drink alcohol while taking this medication. * Do not stop taking this medication suddenly without talking to your doctor. * Do not share this medication with anyone else. * Do not use this medication if you are allergic to any of the ingredients. * Do not take more than the recommended dose. * Do not store this medication in a place where children can get to it. * Do not flush this medication down the toilet.	

En qué consiste un límite.

A boundary is not punishment, distance for its own sake, or proof that someone is difficult. A boundary is a condition for workable contact. It names where consent, capacity, scope, and responsibility actually are.

In Recovery Kernel rooms, boundaries protect the possibility of honest participation. They give people a way to stay present without having to erase themselves, overexpose themselves, or perform agreement they do not actually feel.

A boundary can be spoken by a participant, held by a facilitator, built into the structure of the meeting, or named for the whole room. The point is not to harden everyone into distance. The point is to make contact possible without confusion about what is welcome, what is not, and what each person can actually carry.

2. Waarom grenzen belangrijk zijn.

Without boundaries, groups often become blurred, overexposed, rescuing, demanding, or quietly coercive. People may override their own limits in order to belong, perform wellness, avoid disappointing the group, or keep the room from becoming uncomfortable.

When boundaries are weak, participation can start to look open while quietly becoming unsafe. People may share more than they wanted to share, accept contact they did not truly choose, take responsibility for feelings that are not theirs, or stay silent because saying no feels like a violation of group culture.

Good boundary work protects honesty. It makes real participation more possible, not less. A room with boundaries can contain warmth, grief, intensity, humor, disagreement, and silence without turning any of those into an obligation.

What boundaries can cover:

* Physical boundaries (e.g., fences, walls)
* Verbal boundaries (e.g., "Please don't talk about that")
* Emotional boundaries (e.g., not sharing personal feelings with colleagues)
* Time boundaries (e.g., setting limits on how long you'll spend on a task)
* Material boundaries (e.g., respecting someone's belongings)

Confini possono riguardare il contatto fisico, il tempo, la condivisione di informazioni, l'impegno emotivo, la fornitura di consigli, i contatti di follow-up, la riservatezza, lo spazio fisico, il linguaggio, il ritmo, l'ambito degli argomenti trattati, le credenze spirituali e l'aspettativa che qualcuno si spieghi più a fondo di quanto effettivamente necessario.

Una frontera puede parecer un límite sobre lo que alguien quiere decir, un límite sobre el tipo de retroalimentación que está dispuesto a recibir, un límite sobre cuánto tiempo puede permanecer activo un tema o un límite sobre si una persona desea tener contacto después de que finaliza la sesión.

I limiti possono anche far parte della struttura stessa. Una riunione può avere dei limiti riguardanti le interruzioni, i consigli diretti, le affermazioni mediche, i contenuti relativi a situazioni di crisi, le avances romantiche, le discussioni dettagliate sull'uso di sostanze o qualsiasi cosa che possa distrarre la riunione dal lavoro di recupero e trasformarla in un ambiente di esposizione incontrollata.

4. Facilitator role

The facilitator shouldn't view boundaries as unwelcome distractions from the actual task at hand. Boundaries are an integral part of the process. They are a primary means by which a group creates an environment of trust, allowing individuals to engage fully without compromising their own well-being.

Your role is to normalize clear limits, reduce shame around saying no, and help the room understand that consent and structure increase trust rather than restrict it. A boundary should not have to be dramatic in order to be respected.

Quando una barriera emerge, rallenta. Nominala in modo chiaro. Proteggila senza costringere la persona a difenderla. Quindi, aiuta il gruppo a ristabilire un contatto efficace all'interno di questa nuova delimitazione. L'obiettivo non è far scomparire la barriera. L'obiettivo è permettere al gruppo di organizzarsi in modo efficiente attorno ad essa.

* **Feeling overwhelmed or stressed.**
* **Difficulty concentrating or making decisions.**
* **Changes in sleep or eating habits.**
* **Increased irritability or anger.**
* **Withdrawal from friends and family.**
* **Using alcohol or drugs more often.**
* **Thoughts of self-harm or suicide.**

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, it is important to seek help. You can talk to a trusted friend or family member, a therapist, or a doctor. There are also many resources available online and in your community that can provide support.

Boundary pressure often appears before anyone says the word boundary. Watch for people speaking past their own readiness, agreeing too quickly, laughing while uncomfortable, freezing, over-explaining, softening their "no", apologising for limits, or becoming compliant in a way that feels drained rather than chosen.

Ook let op de omgeving van de persoon. Druk kan zich uiten in herhaalde vragen, advies vermomd als zorg, spirituele taal die wordt gebruikt om openheid te stimuleren, grappen die ongemak wegneemen zonder toestemming, of een groepsstemming die ervoor zorgt dat weigering zich als verraad voelt.

En personne peut ne pas toujours savoir comment dire : "C'est trop". Elle peut le montrer par hésitation, retrait, confusion, une soudaine politesse ou un changement de voix. Le facilitateur doit considérer ces signaux comme des informations, et non comme des obstacles à surmonter.

How to phrase it.

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Facilitators can also model boundaries for the whole room: "We are going to pause advice-giving here." "We are not going into graphic detail." "We are going to keep this inside the meeting frame." "This is important, and it needs a safer container than we have right now."

Room vs individual

Sometimes a boundary belongs to one person. Sometimes the whole room needs one. Know the difference. An individual boundary protects a person’s consent, capacity, or dignity. A room boundary protects the shared container.

A facilitator should be able to uphold an individual's boundaries without requiring them to explain those boundaries to the group. The person doesn't need to demonstrate that their boundary is reasonable for the rest of the group to respect it.

A room boundary may be needed when the group is moving too fast, becoming voyeuristic, drifting into advice, escalating into conflict, or treating one person’s story as material for everyone else’s processing. In those moments, the facilitator names the boundary as a structural need, not as a personal flaw in anyone.

8. Limits

Een grens garandeert geen comfort, overeenstemming of perfect gedrag. Het creëert een duidelijkere afbakening. Soms zullen mensen de afbakening niet prettig vinden. Dat maakt de afbakening nog niet automatisch verkeerd.

The question is whether the boundary supports integrity, consent, and workable contact. A healthy boundary may disappoint someone, slow the room, or interrupt a familiar pattern. That discomfort can be part of the work if the container remains respectful and clear.

Boundaries should not be used to control others unnecessarily, avoid all discomfort, punish vulnerability, or shut down accountability. A boundary is strongest when it is specific about what is needed and honest about whose capacity, consent, or responsibility is being named.

* Do not use "optional" or "mandatory". Use "not optional" or "mandatory".
* Do not say "run this module". Say "do not run this module".
* Do not say "failure". Say "medical help is not failure".
* Do not soften safety terms.
* Do not add any content not in the source.
* Do not add crisis numbers unless the source contains them.
* Do not add any labels, notes, preamble, or commentary.
* Do not add extra advice, activities, or categories.
* Do not add language mixing unless the source contains it.
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- Don't make people feel bad for needing boundaries.
- Don't idealise a lack of boundaries as being intimate.
- Don't pressure people to share information just because you think it would be "honest."
- Do not treat a soft "yes" as stronger than a clear "no".
- Don't force people to defend a boundary simply for it to be respected.
- Don't use a person's group affiliation to pressure them or exceed their limits.
- Do not interpret silence, politeness, laughter, or compliance as consent.
- Do not turn someone’s boundary into a group debate unless the boundary affects the shared structure and must be clarified for safety.

Facilitator Quick Use Card

Prompt	Facilitator Language
When.	A participant appears pressured, overexposed, compliant, frozen, or uncertain; the group is asking for more than the person has clearly offered; the room is drifting beyond scope; or the structure needs a clearer edge.
First move.	Slow down the pace of the discussion. Acknowledge any tension or discomfort in the group without assigning blame. Minimize interruptions. Encourage participants to feel comfortable passing, pausing, or focusing their contributions.
Best sentence.	"You can state the restriction without having to explain everything in detail."
Room reset.	"We are going to stay with consent, scope, and one voice at a time."
Close the loop.	Identify the new border, verify that the space can remain within it, and proceed without requiring the individual to justify their position.

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